AVERY COUNTY SCHOOLS

February 21, 2024

Ms. [redacted]
Email: [redacted]

RE: Response to Public Data Request 02.12.24

Ms. [redacted],

This letter is in response to your request for public data dated Monday, February 12, 2024. Responses will be provided in order of the list within your inquiry.

Dear Superintendent,

Under the North Carolina Public Records Law, G.S. §132-1., I am requesting an opportunity to obtain digital copies via email of the following public records:

- For FY23 and FY24, all POs issued to Tom Ramsey – **NONE EXIST**
- For FY23 and FY24, all fully executed contracts with Tom Ramsey – **NONE EXIST**
- All proposals/RFPs provided by Tom Ramsey – **NONE EXIST**
- For FY23 and FY24, all invoices provided by Tom Ramsey for payment – **SEE ENCLOSED USB DRIVE FOR PAY HISTORY FOR MR. TOM RAMSEY'S SERVICES.**
- Summary of Tom Ramsey's responsibilities and qualifications (licensures, etc) for the work being accomplished – **MR. TOM RAMSEY HAS OVER 40 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE IN CORPORATE CONSTRUCTION WITH VARIOUS COMPANIES. HE PREVIOUSLY HELD A NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL CONTRACTOR LICENSE AND SERVED AS PROJECT SUPERINTENDENT FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, CHURCHES, and GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.**

  IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING TREMENDOUS SUPPORT WITH MULTIPLE FACILITY PROJECTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, MR. TOM RAMSEY WAS INTSTRUMENTAL IN DOCUMENTING CONTRACTOR ISSUES TO ENABLE THE AVERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REDUCE THE ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OWED TO THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR ON THE AVERY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT BY $200,000 AND COMPLETELY WIPED OUT THE CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF $650,000 RELATED TO ACTUAL CHANGES IN THE WORK.

If there are any fees for sending these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed $10. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The law requires that you respond to and fulfill this request "as promptly as possible." If you expect a significant delay in responding to and fulfilling this request (greater than 5 business days), please contact me via email with information about when I might expect an email containing the requested information.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information in the format I have requested and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Ms. [redacted], you are welcome to all information that is subject for public review. Please feel free to give me, Dr. Thomas Howell, Director of Human Resources, or Mrs. Faith Cope, Chief Finance Officer a call if you have any questions regarding any of the information provided.

Sincerely,

Dan Brigman, Ed.D.

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